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Director's Meeting

Friday, 15 February 1952

PRESENT: General Smith, Messrs. Wisner, Wolf, Becker, Hedden []

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The Director:

a. Asked Mr. Becker to instruct his Estimates people to take greater care in editing their publications in order to avoid repetition of words.

b. Stated that the substance of General Ridgway's recent letter had been received in cable form at the "Pentagon" and asked Mr. Wisner to let him have his comments on the above letter as soon as practicable. The DCI also stated that he intended to send a copy of Gen. Ridgway's letter together with our reply to the Secretary of the Army. *S. 2-19-52*
DCI reminded on 2-19-52.

Mr. Wisner:

a. Briefly discussed the appearance of a former CIA officer before a Congressional Committee and noted that State was considering recommending that this individual be given a Presidential directive as to what he might say before the Committee. The Director stated that there was no need to issue such a directive.

b. Stated that the Military were now thinking in terms of a Senior U. S. Commander in Europe in order to pull together all independent commands located there. The Director noted that this was a return to "an American Theater Commander" and stated that the definition of a "Theater of War" now contained in [] was acceptable to him and to Mr. Foster. The DCI also stated that he had not examined the remainder of the [] paper and returned it to Mr. Wisner for further perusal. In connection with the appointment of a Senior U. S. Commander in Europe, Mr. Wisner noted that he had received word informally that a paper on unconventional warfare, the contents of which would be more than acceptable to us, was being prepared in the Pentagon.

Mr. Becker:

a. Noted that another paper was being produced in conjunction with the "Southeast Asia Paper". The DCI approved.

b. Discussed the agenda for the USCIB meeting this afternoon and certain items pertaining thereto. In this connection, the Director stated that he desired that in the future when the position of items were changed on the agenda of any meeting he attended he be so notified. He also stated that it was not

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Mr. Becker (Cont'd.)

25X1 necessary that he receive briefings prior to meetings but rather that the agenda and papers pertaining thereto be placed on his desk in sufficient time to permit him to read this material. Mr. Becker will handle for IAC and USCIB, etc.
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c. Noted that [] had decided to go with []

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d. Stated that Max Millikan wished to approach an individual in Interior concerning possible employment in CIA. This man is an expert on nonferrous metals. The DCI stated he had no objection provided the approach was made through "top side".

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